



Extended Reading

GCSE Controlled Assessment Information

February 2014

Question:

Explore some of the ways Steinbeck leads up to George's final decision to shoot Lennie in *Of Mice and Men*.

Guidance

Your answer should be a maximum of 1200 words in length and use extensive examples from the novel "*Of Mice and Men*" by John Steinbeck.

It may also:

- Identify and explore the presentation of the characters George and Lennie
- Explain how the unique relationship between George and Lennie explains George's final decision
- Indicate ways that the structure of the novel furthers our understanding of George's decision
- Discuss what the language used in the novel may tell us about George's decision.

Conditions:

This assessment will be run under controlled conditions - which means that no assistance can be rendered, and students only have access to the official resource materials for its entire duration.

- The assessment will be run over three hours, during class periods and on Saturday morning.
- A single sheet of notes and a copy of your selected poem (un-annotated) may be brought to the assessment.